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SUBJ: COSTA RICAN POSITION ON SOUTH AFRICA

1. MINISTER VARGAS OF COSTA RICA APPROACHED AMBASSADOR BENNETT OCTOBER 28 ON DIRECTION OF FOREIGN MINISTER FACIO TO REVIEW COSTA RICAN POSITION ON SOUTH AFRICAN ISSUE BEFORE SC. VARGAS SAID FACIO WAS OPPOSED TO EXPULSION OF SOUTH AFRICA AND COSTA RICA WOULD VOTE AGAINST. HE WAS IN FAVOR, HOWEVER, OF SUSPENSION SINCE FACIO BELIEVED SOUTH AFRICA SHOULD BE STRONGLY REMINDED THAT ITS POLICIES ARE UNACCEPTABLE. VARGAS SAID HE HIMSELF WAS ATTRACTED TO DRAFT RESOLUTION TABLED BY BAROODY OF SAUDI ARABIA ON NAMIBIA. HE BELIEVED THAT NAMIBIA WAS ONE AREA IN WHICH DEFINITE PROGRESS COULD BE MADE AT THIS TIME.

2. BENNETT EXPLAINED THAT THE US WAS OPPOSED TO EXPULSION AND ENGAGED IN EFFORT TO FIND MIDDLE GROUND LANGUAGE WHICH WOULD MEET NEEDS OF AFRICANS AND AT SAME TIME AVOID COMPLETE REJECTION BY SOUTH AFRICA. HE TOLD VARGAS SOME OF MODERATE AFRICANS UNDER LEADERSHIP OF NIGERIA'S OGBU WERE WORKING ON THE PROBLEM, AND WE HOPED THEY WOULD COME UP WITH SUITABLE LANGUAGE. BENNETT AND VARGAS AGREED TO STY IN CLOSE TOUCH AS ISSUE DEVELOPS IN SC.

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